



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lee et al.)
Filed: July 18, 2003)
Serial No.: 10/623,360) Group Art Unit: 1746
Title: Method for Selectively Washing)
Used Reaction Cuvettes in an) Examiner: Zeinab E. El-Arini
Automatic Analyzer)
Attorney Docket: DCS-9176)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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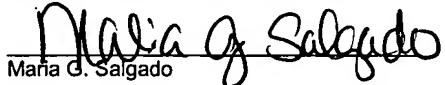
Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication prior to examination of the above identified case on its merits.

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